



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 02860.0789

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Tohru Kimura et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2873  
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Application No.: 10/821,940 ) Examiner: Timothy J. Thompson  
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Filed: April 12, 2004 )  
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For: OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE, ) Confirmation No.: 2135  
)  
OPTICAL INFORMATION )  
RECORDING AND )  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS )  
AND OBJECTIVE LENS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated December 19, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-10, 21-30, 31-40 and Group II, claims 11-20, 41-56. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 11-20, 41-56 drawn to an objective lens, classified in class 359, subclass 719.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 18, 2007

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